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dvertise it. Call early. 128 Virginia avenue.

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Denot Q. M. Dep't, Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 19, 1900 Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 10 o'clock a. m. (central standard time) Jan. 7, 1901, for furnishing 200 Army Escort Wagons. The United States reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals of any part thereof. Information furnished on ap plication. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Escort Wagons." etc., and addressed C. R. BARNETT, Deputy Q. M.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the District Court of the United States for District of Indiana. In bankruptcy. the matter of Moses Trattner, bankrupt. No To the creditors of Moses Trattner, of Indianin the county of Marion and district foresaid, a bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1900, the said Moses Trattner was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Room 511, Indiana Trust building, No. 117 East Washington street, in the city of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, on the 3d day of Janinry, A. D. 1901, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the

The Curse of France.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22, 1900.

come before said meeting.

ALBERT RABB, Referee in Bankruptcy.

New York Press. Other nations may suffer from alcoholism, with all the harm it carries. France sufmuch more insidious evil of "absinthisme," which creates all the evils of the other, with the added effects of brain | for the year 1900 will show its freight trainesions, paralysis, idiocy and, more than loads to have averaged 427 tons and the all, epilepsy. The Anglo-Saxon has not yet | earnings of these trains per mile \$2.02. learned to drink absinthe. If he drinks it at all it is as a liqueur, undiluted and frappe. Drunk in this way it is not fascinating. This is the plain C32, H22, O10 of the chemist's jar. In this shape it is perhaps not greatly to be feared. It is when this is inlugled and adulterated with sweetening and spicing ingredients, when it is diluted into a goblet drink, when it is made an aperative whose real strength is hidden. that it is to be let alone. In this shape it is more to be dreaded than the gin curse of

An Edition de Luxe.

Speaking of books for children and books that live through a number of generations. all in one breath, have you heard of the from boiler-corroding elements. beautiful edition de luxe of Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales, brought out at an expense of more than £10,000 by the Danish government? It is dedicated to no less a erson than the Princess of Wales. All ngsters will be crying for this edition de luxe of their favorite fairy tales and it is safe to wager that more than one copy will find its way into stockings of young America. But do you suppose they will get any more real fun out of it than you did from the edition which had power to make you steal midnight or morning hours from sleep?

TONNAGE IS INCREASING

LAST WEEK'S LOADED CAR MOVE-MENT EXCELDED 21,000 CARS.

Clover Leaf Development Under Its New Ownership Attracts Attention of Competitors.

received and forwarded at Indianapolis in the week ended Dec. 22 a total of 26,779 cars. 21,341 being loaded, an increase of 307 over the week ending Dec. 15, but 282 fewer than were handled at this point in the corresponding week of 1899. The Big Four shows a decrease of 367 and the Pennsylvania 432 as compared with the corresponding week last year, while the Vandalia, the Indiana,

Decatur & Western and the Lake Erie & Western show an increase, the other lines handling about their usual average in December. East-bound business is practically limited to cars that can be furnished. Fortunately west-bound business continues unusually heavy, and this indirectly aids in the supply for east-bound traffic. Freight officials are looking for some relief in the car situation after Jan. 1, as the trunk lines will have carried the bulk of the grain from lake ports to the Atlantic seaboard. In holiday week shipments will fall off to such an extent that the congestion of loaded cars at the Atlantic terminals will have been relieved. Shipments west of anthracite coal and coke are again very heavy, and the tonnage of West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana coals the roads are handling is large beyond precedent. In dressed meats, live stock, produce, fruits and vegetables never before has there been such a business done in December, weather conditions being favorable to prompt movement of these classes of freight. Locally NOTICE-JOSEPH GARDNER, tin work and there has never been a season when manufacturers have been as heavy shippers as at the present, and this remark applies to

the number of loaded cars			t this
point for the week ending	Dec.	22, an	d for
the corresponding weeks of	1899	and 18	98:
Name of Roads.	1900.	1899.	1898.
C., I. & L	535	665	473
L, D. & W	582	487	482
C., H. & DInd'polis div.	878	938	747
L. E. & W	668	612	485
PennI. & V	850	1,073	1,107
PennJ., M. & I	834	849	865
PennChicago div	749	768	882
PennColumbus div	1.793	1,968	2,311
Vandalia		2,504	2,471
P. & EEast div		858	792
P. & EWest div		1,054	888
Big Four-Chicago div		2.681	2,652
Big Four-Cincinnati div		3,144	3,119
Big Four-St. Louis div		1.948	2,234
Big Four-Cleveland div		2,176	2,421
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ever enjoyed, and manufacturers of prod-

ucts from corn are doing a large domestic

and export business. The table below shows

Empty cars 5,438 5,162 5,373 Total movement26,779 26,785 27,302

Clover Leaf Consolidation Scheme.

It was recently stated that negotiations were pending looking to the consolidation into one system of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, the Ohio Southern and the Detroit & Lima roads, and in that connection it was intimated that the Canadian Pacific had a hand in the deal; further, was to be president of the consolidated lines. The Canadian Pacific was said to have had much to do with inspiring the deal and would be one of its chief benefisetts avenue, near Vermont street., Return to claries. One well informed as regards the pending negotiations says: "Just at present some delay is experienced in consummating the arrangement by reason of litigation connected with the affairs of the Ohio Southern and the further fact that the Lima Northern is still in the hands of a receiver. Otherwise, it is stated, the terms upon which the combine is to be effected have been agreed upon and will be carried out as soon as the two roads named are out of the hands of the courts. The syndicate of bankers by which the Ohio Southern and the Clover Leaf are now controlled is said to have obtained an option on the Lima Northern. The plant of the syndicate is to establish a system providing a short line from Detroit to St. Louis, the only coal line from the Ohio fields to Detroit, and an entrance for the Canadian Pacific into the very heart of the Central Freight Association territory, with splendid connections at St. Louis for the Northwest. The Clover Leaf and the Canadian Pacific alone could use a large proportion of the Obio Southern coal for fuel. The entrance of the Canadian Pacific into Central Freight Association territory would be an event of national importance in railway circles. It is not a member of any of the traffic associations. It is a free lance and makes its rates without regard to any of the combinations.

Belt Road Traffic.

would rudely disturb the plans of the Van-

derbilts, the Pennsylvania and Banker

In the week ending Dec. 22 there were transferred over the Belt road 19,029 cars. Belt road engines handled at the stockyards 1,516 carloads of live stock, and for private switches on its line 1,335 cars. Business at the stockyards and with private industries located on the line continues large beyond precedent.

Personal, Local and General Notes. The Monon earned, in the second week of December, \$79,034, an increase over the

corresponding week of 1899 of \$2.914. The directors of the Big Four have de-clared a quarterly dividend of 1% per cent. on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 21. J. T. Brooks, first vice president of the Pennsylvania Company, who has been quite ill, was on Saturday reported to be much

D. T. Bacon, general manager of the Indiana Car Service Bureau, has gone to Urbana, O., to spend Christmas with his J. B. Prout, editor of the Railroad

Gazette, who delivered an address before the students of Purdue last week, spent Saturday in the city. On Saturday the Panhandle had another big run of emigrants for the West and

Northwest. The train carrying them was run as Section 2 of Train 3. Next month the Louisville & Nashville will change its train schedule to give three fers thus. But what France has to fear | daily trains out of Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Louisville for Florida points. The annual report of the Lake Shore road

> J. A. Hansgen, master mechanic of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western, has tendered his resignation, and will on Jan. 1 take a position with the Wabash lines. M. D. Woodford, president of the Cininnati. Hamilton & Dayton and its allied lines, arrived in Cincinnati yesterday from

> New York to spend the holidays with rela-The Big Four has issued a calendar for 1901. It is an artistic bit of work, the design being attractive, showing four big men-Washington, Napoleon, Bismarck and

> The Southern Indiana has just completed a large reservoir at Lewis and is putting in a large pumping plant at that station, thus securing water that is soft and free The roadbed and equipment of the Erie

is now in such excellent condition that it is ; being operated on 60 per cent. of the gross earnings against 72 to 75 per cent. before these improvements were made. S. Shimp, the veteran agent of the Pittsburg. Fort Wayne & Chicago at Alliance, is to be retired under the pension plan Jan.

1, and Homer Bostwick, assistant ticket agent at Mansfield, will succeed Mr. Shimp The directors of the Chicago & Northwestern announce that they have decided Whitley

upon a permanent pension system for emloyes similar to that of the Pennsylvania nes, the company giving \$200,000 a year in its aid. It is to go into effect Jan. 1, nearly 27,000 employes coming under the pension

Charles M. Hays, who will on Jan. 1 assume the duties of president of the Southern Pacific, passed through the city yesterday en route to St. Louis, where he will spend Christmas and then leave at once for San Francisco.

The Pennsylvania Company has decided to at once begin the improvement of the track of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus road, recently acquired. Bridges will be rebuilt, heavier rails laid and the road brought up to a high standard.

George A. MacDonald, who for many years was general passenger agent of the The train records show that there were Georgia Southern & Florida Railway, more recently treasurer of the Lyceum Theater Company, will on Jan. 1 return to railroad service on one of the Chicago lines.

The differences, whatever they may have been, have been adjusted between the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Mobile & Ohio. Connection will be resumed to-day, and the former's service with the New Orcans & Northeastern trains is to be fully

Henry French, division freight and passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines at Akron, succeeds E. W. Page, division freight agent of the Cleveland & Marietta, with headquarters at Cambridge, O. Mr. Page, on account of ill health, is given an extended vacation.

No passes are to be issued to shippers by the Minneapolis-Chicago lines the coming year. An ironclad agreement to that effect has been made by all the lines. A forfeit of \$500 has been put up by each road, and the money will vanish upon proof that the agreement has been broken.

On Friday the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy closed its dividend record for the century by the payment of its one-hundredand-twenty-fifth regular dividend, making an aggregate of \$129,900,000. In addition, the company declared a stock dividend, making the aggregate, including it, \$139,-000,000, disbursed in dividends since the road went into operation.

It is intimated that the interests control-

ling the Big Four are getting a hold on the Chicago Southeastern road, with the intention of utilizing it as an outer belt line of the Big Four for freight service, and should they secure control the road will be rebuilt in such manner as to move the heavy through freights between St. Louis and the East over it. As a passenger line it would possess but little merit. Freight associations are indulging in discussions of the question of a standard

size for box cars, and sentiment is largely articles of all description manufactured in length. It is claimed that the forty-ton from wood and iron. The stockyards are cars, forty feet in length, now used on the trunk lines and Western roads, are doing the largest business this market has seldom filled to their capacity, that they weigh two tons more than the thirty-sixfoot cars, and the cost of hauling this added weight back and forth is quite an important item in the cost of operation.

The new Canadian grain route from the Northwest to Europe is attracting widespread attention, especially at Chicago, Toedo and Buffalo. Grain is to be brought from Duluth, Chicago and upper lake ports in boats to Perry sound, Georgian bay; thence by the Canadian Atlantic Railway to Hawsbury, and thence over a new road to Riviere a Pierre, a port sixty-eight miles from Quebec, where the largest ocean steamers can load directly from a new elevator. Compared with the present route from Duluth and Chicago via the lower lakes, Buffalo and New York, the distance to Liverpool is 800 miles shorter.

A. C. Hone, superintendent of motive power of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, has been appointed superintendent of the system, to succeed W. M. Corbett, who goes to the Chicago & Alton, Jan. 1 He will be succeeded by W. J. Mc-Leish, general foreman of the shops, and O. C. Cook will become foreman of shops. It is thought that Mr. Hone will be the youngest general superintendent of a system of as large mileage in the country. He is twenty-six years old. There may be superintendents of divisions as young as he, but none that is general superintendent of a system.

CENSUS COMPARISON.

that President Norton, of the Clover Leaf, | Only Fourteen Counties Lost Population Between 1890 and 1900.

> A comparison of the census of 1890 with that of 1900, county by county, in this State shows that only fourteen of the ninety-two counties lost in population during the last decade. Considering the fact that so large a number of the counties of the State are chiefly agricultural this may be regarded as a remarkable and gratifying condition. Even the losses, with a few exceptions, are so small that they show that the population has not changed as to numbers materially during the decade. With the revolution that has been taking place in agriculture, due to the introduction of machinery, one man now doing the same work that two or three performed twenty-five years ago, the surprise is that the agricultural counties have held their own in population. The great gains have been made in manufacturing towns, the largest

> The first column of figures is the census of 1890, the second is the census of 1900 and the third the gain or loss, the losses being designated by an asterisk before the

> > 22,232

Adams 20,081

Allen 66,689

Benton 11,903

Blackford 10,061

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ush	19.034	20,148	1
helby	25,454	8,305 26,491	1
pencer	22,060	22,407 10,431	3
. Joseph	42,457	58,881	16
leuben	14,478	15,219 26,005	4
witzerland	12,514	11,840 38,650	3
ppecanoe	18,157	19,116	3
nionanderburg	7,006	6,748	21
ermillion	. 13,154	15,252	2
abash	27,126	62,035 28,235	11
arren	10.965	11,375	360

JUDGE A. C. CAPRON, OF PLYMOUTH, PROPOSES A NEW MEASURE.

Synopsis of a Bill to Be Introduced in the Legislature by Senator Parks.

Judge A. C. Capron, of Plymouth, has prepared a bill providing for a new fish law, which will likely be introduced in the Legislature by Senator John W. Parks, of Plymouth. The bill is entitled "an act regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this State; to establish a close season for the inland lakes of the State; to protect the waters of this State from pollution; granting certain powers to officers relative to the enforcement of the fish and game laws; providing penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Judge Capron has made an extensive study of fish, their habits and the proper methods of protecting them. The first section of the bill declares "that it shall be unlawful to take, catch or kill fish of any kind in any of the inland lakes or ponds (except private ponds) of this State, between the first day of January and the fifteenth day of May of any year." The second section gives the right to catch redhorse, suckers and carp with spear or dip net between March 15 and May 15, provided the fisherman shall pay a license fee of 25 cents to the clerk of the Circuit Court, and in this event he must agree to not disturb any other kind of fish, and if they are inadvertantly taken they are to be immediately returned to the water whence they came. The bill provides that any violator of these two sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, the offender shall be fined \$5 for each fish unlawfully caught. One-half of the fines colected in prosecutions under these two sections shall be paid to the person who institutes the prosecution and secures the

conviction of the offender. "It shall be unlawful to take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any fish in any of the inland lakes or ponds, except any spear, seine, pond net, gill net, dip net, or any kind of net or claptrap, except a minnow net, not to exceed eighteen feet in length, except as approved in the next succeeding section herein, to kill or destroy, or attempt to kill or destroy any fish in any other substance which has a tendency to stupefy or poison fish." Section 5 makes it lawful to fish for ciscoes or lake herring with a gill net with a mesh not less than 11/2 inches in size during the month of November, provided the person desiring to take these fish shall procure a license from the clerk of the Circuit Court. Before the license is granted, however, the clerk must have the affidavit of two credible persons residing in the county where the lake to be fished in is situated, to the effect that such lake has in it ciscoes, and the applicant must also file an affidavit agreeing to take

no other kind of fish. For this license a fee of 50 cents must be paid. Section 6 makes it lawful to fish in any of the rivers and streams of the State with hook and line for any kind of fish during all seasons of the year, but no person will be allowed to use more than two lines with not to exceed three hooks on each. No person will be allowed to set out at any time more than one trot or set line, except from the first day of July to the first day of September of any year. The bill provides that no pickerel less than twelve inches in length; wall-eyed pike, sometimes called salmon, less than ten inches in length, or black bass (big and small mouth), less than nine inches in length shall be intentionally taken from the waters of this State, and no person may take more than fifteen black bass nor more than ten wall-eyed pike of the size permitted by this section in any

SOME REASONS FOR THE LAW. Judge Capron gives the following reasons why he believes a law of this kind

"A close season is of the first importance. All the game fish of the lakes of this State make their spawning beds and deposit their spawn practically between the dates named in the first section. The pickerel in February, the perch and walleyed pike the last of February and first of March, the black bass, both kinds, big and small mouth, in April to the middle of May. There may be a slight variation from these times on account of the season. The female fish should be protected for quite a considerable time before they go on their spawning beds. Like all breeding animals, they are hungry and move about a good deal in search of food. When the lakes are covered with ice the fishing is terribly destructive on the female fish. Take Maxincuckee lake, for instance. From the first of February until the ice hanging from holes cut in the ice and a 7,152 fish cannot travel a hundred feet without coming on to a minnow-baited hook. I know from my own experience and from | fix not only the price, but the exact amount males by this kind of fishing. This holds

good as to all kinds of fish that take the of eggs by such a practice. "I know that gentlemen of leisure and many club men are very much in love with the early spring fishing. They go out sistence of inmates of county institutions. in boats and locate the bass beds, which and blank books, blanks and stationery for are covered with fish engaged in propogat- the use of the county, the board may, in its ing their species, and they pull their baited nooks back and forth along the spawning beds and they get every female fish and tity to be furnished to vary with the needs many males, and for every pound of fish meat they get a quarter of a pound of eggs ready to be spawned and hatched into living fish. Now, why is it any more wrongful, any more unreasonable to take mother fish off her bed with a straight barb than with a crooked one? It is just as much fun to kill fish with a gig as with hook and line. Make a law that puts the club man and the man of elegant leisure on a level as to their fishing with the man with the gig, and we can depend upon the gigman to respect the law and the lawmaker; otherwise he will not. For similar reasons, I advocate the second section of the act. The rivers do not need a close season. Most river fish are migratory and they run up and down, new fish coming on at each season. The redhorse and suckers run up in April generally to get on the riffles to spawn, and they are n prime order at that time. They stay but a little while and they are not usually caught with hook and line. The farmers and people living along the rivers delight n spearing these fish, and they think they have a right to get them in that manner. as they can get them in no other way unless by seining, which is not permitted. Give them the right to fish without fear of prosecution and they will respect the law and live up to the promise they make

when they take out their license.
"The Legislature of this State has been for thirty years tinkering with the fish laws at almost every session, and with all they have done, together with all the stocking by individuals and the general government, the supply of fish is getting shorter every year and everybody who has nald attention to the matter knows that he laws so far have been almost a complete failure. The reason is that the Legslature has failed to get on to the fundamental principle that underlies fish propagation. It has never adopted the 'close season' practice which is the basis of success in the business. Adopt it for the lakes of the State, and we can rest assured it will never be repealed, for in less than five years we will have as many of the ine game fish in our lakes as we had thirty years ago. The number of fish (game) that may be taken by an individual in one day ought to be lessened. Twelve black bass ought to be the limit. All seining should be forbidden.

Gronger Called the Police.

Rates House, yesterday morning at 5

waiter, living at 522 Muskingum street, had secreted himself under his bed and after he had fallen asleep crawled out and took \$150 from under his pillow. Washington was discovered and recognized before he got out of the apartment and was later found by the police at his home. He was slated at headquarters on a charge of grand larceny.

READY FOR RACE.

Women Bicycle Riders Arrive to Ride in Twelve Hour Event.

The five riders who will participate in the dicycle race in Tomlinson Hall, this week, beginning to-morrow afternoon, arrived in the city yesterday and will complete their training this afternoon and to-morrow morning. Lisette came from Fort Wayne, where she has been for a short time; Anderson came from Cleveland, where she has been in training; Mollie La Tour has been training at St. Louis, and Glaw and Edna La Tour arrived from Chicago, where they have been preparing for the Indianapolis race. The riders say they have ridden on an average of thirty miles a day for the last three weeks, in order to be in perfect condition for this race. They could not depend on going into the race and expecting o grow stronger, as the first day they will have to ride four hours and cover eighty miles in the afternoon and evening. The riders will meet with Referee Paul Krauss, r., to-night, and arrange all the rules governing the race, as rules for such events are subject to change, according to the size of the track. The race opens to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 and continues each evening throughout the week.

FIGHT AMONG PRINTERS

AN ALLEGED COMBINATION FORMED TO CONTRAL COUNTY WORK.

some Points in the Local Situation-The County Reform Law Evidently Misquoted.

There is a lively fight going on among printers over the State who are engaged in county office printing. The fight appears to be a three-cornered one, the participants Part of the fourth section is as follows: | being local printers, an individual printing house or two and an alleged combination. This combination of printers is said to have existed since the county reform law went private ponds, of this State, by means of into effect, whereby the State was divided into districts by counties and parcelled out among the houses in the agreement and termed "their territory." It is stated on good authority that the failure of the comcounty printing is responsible for the com plaint made against the Board of Commissioners upon the ground that the bids were not received in accordance with the county reform law.

The bids for the county printing were received in the same manner as last year, the identical method being pursued. Then there was no complaint. It is pointed out that the classification and basis for receiving bids is almost identical with the plan used by the State in letting contracts. and the State plan has been satisfactory to competing printers for several years The report of the secretary of state shows that bids were received upon a basis that represented about one-fourth of all printing required, and in one of the commentaries upon the State printing the secretary says: "The present contracts are probably \$5,000 cheaper on the two years' business than the contracts of 1895." This is taken from the report of 1898, the last one issued. Continuing, the report reads: "In asking for bids on the present contracts the printing board furnished a list with the specifications showing the quantity used the previous two years of all articles bid on, which assisted the bidders very materially in arriving at the quantity of articles bid on they would be expected to furnish, and also assisted the State in receiving probably the cheapest printing contract since the creation of the bureau of printing.'

Regarding the bids received by the State the report says: "While they had the appearance of being reasonable in price, yet it would be necessary to extend prices based upon the tabulation given in specifications in order to ascertain which of the several bids would be cheapest and best for the State. Upon this statement it was then ordered that the prices be extended upon the basis of the tabulation of articles actually used the previous two years given in the specifications, and that as soon as these extensions and footings were made lowest bidder or bidders, as shown by such extensions and footings.

These quotations cover the exact position of the County Commissioners regarding the letting of contracts now before the board, and the printers who are satisfied with the plan ask why it should be objected to when it has not only given satisfaction in letting contracts for state printing, but also when the plan was commended last year when the contracts for the county printing were let. It is pointed out that the law was misquoted, or only portions of the law used as is gone a thousand hooks and lines are | might suit the purpose of the complainant.

lowing quotation is used: "In every case the contract so let shall what fishermen generally say, that four or quantity to be furnished." This is to times more female fish are caught than sustain the contention that the commissioners acted illegally in accepting bids upon a basis instead of the whole. But conninnow. Think of the awful destruction | tinuing, and without breaking the sentence, the law reads "except that in cases of contracts for meats, groceries, dry goods, fuel and house furnishings required for the subdiscretion, let contracts for such articles at stated prices, leaving the amount or quan-

of the county. The Sentinel Printing Company secured the contract for printing all county sup plies last year. In the recent bids submitted they are the lowest bidders in two classes and Levey Brothers & Co. in another. The Sentinel Printing Company, having had the contract last year under the county reform law, is familiar with all the wants of the county officers, and while it was stated they would have the advantage they were underbid on one class. The commissioners say it is fair competition and neither of the firms have complained to the board about the manner of receiving the bids. Similar conditions exist over the State. In the outlying counties the work of the alleged combination seems to be responsible for the trouble, while it is the lack of it in Marion county that brings condemnation upon the commissioners. It is charged that the failure to eliminate competition in this county will result in an effort to have all bids rejected and then the commissioners will have to readvertise for bids. The bids have already been made public, and in the event of a reconsideration the figures of what now appear to be the successful bidders will be cut to nothing by other firms merely to secure the contract.

CONDITIONS IN OTHER COUNTIES. In some of the counties the printing question has reached a more acute stage than in Marion county. The commissioners in some counties have shown a disposition to favor local printers, it is charged, while in others the alleged agreement and STARR PIAN plan of apportionment made by the combination has full sway. In several instances this combination is said to have been broken, the bids were rejected and readvertisements were issued for new bids. In one case a bond was returned to an Indianapolis printing firm with the seal on the envelope still unbroken, when the law explicitly says that the bond of the bidder must be approved by the board of commissioners before the bids can be considered. This is taken to mean that the bid was not even considered, or if it was, it was not according to law. In some instances it is said the county councils have taken a hand in the affair and are at war with the boards of commissioners. The present fight that is now or between print-Robert Gronger, a colored waiter at the | ers is said to have broken the alleged combination in several countles, and it is

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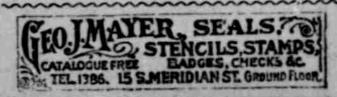
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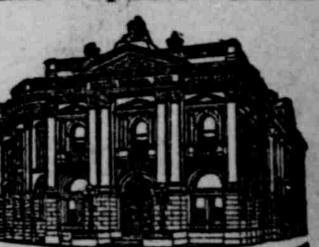
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